



# Collect, Analyze, *Share*

INGangNetwork +  
Gang Graffiti Recognition and Interpretation

## INGangNetwork: First To Implement GARI

Recently INGangNetwork announced the deployment of the Gang Graffiti Recognition and Interpretation System (GARI). INGangNetwork is the first to implement GARI. Although GARI is a great tool for gang graffiti and tattoo inquiry, without more images populated into the application law enforcement is not able to utilize all the application capabilities.

## Benefits of Using GARI

GARI will allow users to search gang graffiti and tattoos via color, location, type, like symbols, surfaces, etc. GARI is also capable of tracking tattoos. These tattoos may be searched in the same fashion as gang graffiti images. Often gang tattoos can share similar symbols seen in gang graffiti.

Gang graffiti and gang related activity can be predicted and prevented

with the assistance of the GARI application.

INGangNetwork encourages all members using GARI to take the time to populate the application with gang graffiti images in your area. Law enforcement is also encouraged to work with local non-profit groups, community officials, schools, and neighborhood watch groups to increase the reporting of gang graffiti.



## Get Access to GARI

Members may email Lina Presley ([lipresley@iifc.in.gov](mailto:lipresley@iifc.in.gov)) requesting access to GARI.

Include in your email:

- Name
- Government or LEO email address used by INGangNetwork
- Gmail email address

-Type of phone (Android or iPhone)

You will receive an email with the GARI download, Instructions, your ID, and password.

## Reading Graffiti

### Colors:

- Can indicate colors associated with a specific gang.
- May indicate if a gang claims North or South alliances.
- May indicate if a gang claims Folk or People alliances.

### Graffiti and Territory:

- May be an indication that a gang is in the area or that a gang frequently visits that location.
- Graffiti can tell law enforcement which gangs are allies or which gangs are working together at a specific location.
- May indicate turf, however not all gangs claim turf.

### Targets and Threats:

- Many gangs will use "X" or cover up a rival gang's graffiti. This can lead to violent and deadly disputes. Many gangs aligned with Folk or People nations will draw rival gang's symbols upside down to demonstrate disrespect.
- Some gangs will use R I P to pay respect to a fallen member or to threaten specific members of a rival gang.
- Graffiti can indicate hits and targets.

### Criminal Activity:

- Graffiti can be used as a means for gangs to brag about criminal acts committed by members or to demonstrate potential criminal activity.
- Some tags may notify a gang of disciplinary action of a fellow member.
- In most cases graffiti is used for intimidation in addition to other purposes previously mentioned.

